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# CARMEL OBSERVER



(317) 571-2500

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## **Crime Watch Coordinators and Block Captains:**

Please remind your neighbors to secure their homes while they are away visiting family during the holidays.

If you plan on being away during the holidays, call the Dispatch Center at 571-2580 and leave your name and address and our patrol officers will pay extra attention to your residence while you are away.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Remember to Buckle Up when traveling.

## **Holiday Safety Tips**

- Shop with a friend or family member; they can help carry items and there is safety in numbers.
- Keep credit card receipts in your purse, billfold or pocket, not with your purchases.
- When making cash donations to charitable organizations at the store or mall, have your donation ready so as not to draw unwanted attention to your purse or wallet.
- If shopping at night, park your vehicle in a well-lit area and keep your car doors locked.
- Keep packages and valuables (cell phones, briefcases, CDs) out of sight and in the trunk of your car.
- When walking to your car, have your car keys ready so you can gain access quickly.
- As you approach your vehicle, visibly check underneath and the backseats.
- If you suspect someone is following you in the mall or out to your car, immediately go into a store and tell a clerk or security guard. If you suspect someone is following

you home, do not go home. Go to a public place such as a fire department, police department, or use your cell phone to get help.

## **News from the City of Carmel**

### **Door-to-Door Vendor Protocol**

To ensure the safety of Carmel's residents, the City has an ordinance that requires every door-to-door vendor who is not a minor to openly display an identification card issued by the Carmel Police Department. This ordinance does not apply to exempt non-profit organizations and was recently changed to give the police department jurisdiction over this process.

If vendors do not have this permit, are discourteous, or behave suspiciously, please call 571-2580 to report them.

If you would like more information, please visit our website at [www.carmelpd.com](http://www.carmelpd.com).

### **Police Department Web Site**

We now have a link set up on our web site for the sex offender registry. Go to [www.carmelpd.com](http://www.carmelpd.com) click on Community Programs and then Neighborhood Crime Watch. You will also find other information that may be helpful to you.

### **Be Alert**

Remember to call and report any suspicious activity. Non-emergency line 571-2580, Emergency Dial 911. We appreciate all the help you can give.

*Questions, Comments or Concerns,  
Please give us a call.*

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